

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA**

STATE OF MISSOURI, *et al.*,

Plaintiffs,

v.

Case No. 2:24-cv-00103-JRH-CLR

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF
EDUCATION, *et al.*,

Defendants.

DEFENDANTS' MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE EXCESS PAGES

Defendants respectfully move this Court for an order allowing them to exceed the 26-page limit imposed by Local Rule 7.1(a) for their forthcoming response to Plaintiffs' Combined Motion for Stay/Preliminary Injunction/Temporary Restraining Order, ECF No. 5, which is due today, ECF No. 17. Defendants move the Court to extend the page limit by six pages, to allow them to file a brief totaling 32 pages.

As good cause for this request, Defendants note that the motion to which Defendants are responding is 52 pages long, after the Court granted Plaintiffs' motion for 30 additional pages. ECF No. 4. Defendants need the six additional pages to fully develop their arguments in response to Plaintiffs' lengthy filing.

Earlier today, counsel for Defendants emailed counsel for Plaintiffs to request Plaintiffs' position on this motion. Plaintiffs' counsel did not respond, as of the time of this filing.

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